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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA).

As members of the Security Council are aware, on 26 June 1998, a tragic air plane accident suddenly took the lives of my Special Representative for Angola, Mr. Alioune Blondin Beye, five other MONUA staff and two crew members. I wish to place on record my high appreciation for the invaluable and tireless efforts of Mr. Beye and his colleagues, who lost their lives in pursuit of the cause of peace and national reconciliation in Angola. Their untimely deaths represent an incalculable loss for their families, for the United Nations and for the international community.

Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to appoint Mr. Issa B. Y. Diallo of Guinea as my Special Representative for Angola.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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